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maintains the restriction requirement among the elected species, Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

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**AMENDED CLAIMS MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES MADE  
37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii)**

Please amend claims 1, 7, 11 and 18 and add new claims 25-27 as follows:

1. (Amended) A hollow building element of plastics material comprising one or more longitudinal ducts and having, at opposite sides thereof, coupling members, whereby elements are connected [together] to each other [directly or] indirectly, wherein [an] upper coupling [member] members at [one side] opposite sides of [an] the element are slidably engageable with cooperating formations of a reinforcing beam between the elements [is a hook like member and an upper coupling member at the opposite side of the element includes a latch for the hook-like member of another like element].

7. (Amended) A building element as claimed in claim 1 [6], wherein the upper coupling members for engagement with [have a downwardly extending part to locate in a channel of] the reinforcing beam between adjacent elements include [and] an upwardly open channel for drainage purposes [extending part to form a side of a drainage channel].

11. (Amended) A building element as in claim 1 [10], wherein one of the building elements [element] and the reinforcing beam has a T-slot and the other a T-section protrusion that is slidably engageable in the T-slot.

18. (Amended) A building structure, such as a roof, comprising two or more hollow building elements connected side by side with a reinforcing beam between the elements, the hollow building elements comprising one or more longitudinal ducts and having, at opposite sides thereof, coupling members whereby the elements are connected together [directly or indirectly], wherein upper coupling members at opposite sides of the element are slidably engageable with cooperating formations of a [engaging the] reinforcing beam between the elements [include upwardly open channels for drainage purposes].

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19. (Amended) A building structure as claimed in claim 27 [18], wherein the upper coupling members have a downwardly extending part to form a side of a drainage channel.

25. (New) A building element as claimed in claim 7, wherein the upper coupling members have a downwardly extending part to locate the channel of the reinforcing beam and an upwardly extending part to form a side of the channel.

26. (New) A building structure as claimed in claim 18, wherein one of the building elements and the reinforcing beam has a T-slot and the other a T-section protrusion that is slidably engageable in the T-slot.

27. (New) A building structure as claimed in claim 18, wherein the upper coupling members of the building elements that engage the reinforcing beam include upwardly open channels for drainage purposes.